



79th COMMENCEMENT
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

FOUNDER'S MEMORIAL AMPHITHEATRE
BOB JONES *University*

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2006

PRELUDE: Concert Variations on the Austrian Hymn, Op. 3 John Knowles Paine
Prelude on "Brother James's Air" Searle Wright

Dr. Ed Dunbar, organist

HYMN: Praise Ye Jehovah text, Bob Jones Jr.
music, Dwight Gustafson

(The congregation will stand.)

¹
Praise ye Jehovah, Who from the beginning
What He established in mercy maintains.
Founding, providing, protecting, abiding,
Praise to the Saviour Who constant remains.

³
Praise ye Jehovah, Who like as a father
Comforts our sorrows and quiets our fears.
Chast'ning, restraining, forgiving, sustaining,
From the beginning to fullness of years.

²
Praise ye Jehovah, for heroes before us—
Battle-scarred victors at rest from the fray.
Praying, contending, proclaiming, defending,
Faith of our fathers we will not betray.

⁴
Praise ye Jehovah, from furnace of testing,
Fierce though the fire, the Saviour walks there.
Loving, beholding, preserving, enfolding,
From the beginning till He shall appear.

⁵
Praise ye Jehovah, for glories awaiting,
Prizes He giveth and crowns to be won.
Claiming, progressing, obtaining, possessing,
All He has promised through Jesus, the Son.

UNIVERSITY CREED: I believe in the inspiration of the Bible (both the Old and the New Testaments); the creation of man by the direct act of God; the incarnation and virgin birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; His identification as the Son of God; His vicarious atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the cross; the resurrection of His body from the tomb; His power to save men from sin; the new birth through the regeneration by the Holy Spirit; and the gift of eternal life by the grace of God.

DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

INVOCATION: Mr. Alan Carper, Executive Vice President

ANTHEM: How Firm a Foundation text, John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787
music, Early American Hymn Tune
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Concert Choir
Dr. Chris Gilliam, director

OFFERTORY: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart *arr. Ed Dunbar*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Dr. Gary Weier, Vice President for Administration

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision trans. Mary E. Byrne
music, Traditional Irish Melody

(*The congregation will stand.*)

1
Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4
High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

SOLO: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go text, George Matheson
music, Steve Griner

Dr. Grant Lewis, soloist

SERMON: Charles Petitt, D.D., President, Piedmont Baptist College

HYMN: Soldiers of Christ, Arise text, Charles Wesley
music, George Elvey

(*The congregation will stand.*)

1
Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son;
Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in His mighty power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

2
Stand then in His great might, with all His strength endued,
And take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God;
That having all things done, and all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone, and stand entire at last.

3
Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;
Take every virtue, every grace, and fortify the whole.
From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.

BENEDICTION: Dr. Bob Jones III, Chancellor

POSTLUDE: Fanfare and Processional Douglas Wagner

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Cameras and recording equipment are not permitted in the Amphitorium during any service.
We request that signal watches and personal communication devices be turned off during the service.*

